

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

In re:	§	
	§	Chapter 7
ALEXANDER E. JONES,	§	
	§	Case No. 22-33553 (CML)
Debtor.	§	
	§	

**SIXTEENTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF PORTER HEDGES LLP, AS BANKRUPTCY
COUNSEL FOR CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE, CHRISTOPHER R. MURRAY, FOR ALLOWANCE
OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE
PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

Name of Applicant:	Porter Hedges LLP, as Bankruptcy Counsel for the Chapter 7 Trustee, Christopher R. Murray
Date of Retention Order:	July 30, 2024 (Doc. No. 792) ¹
Period for which Fees and Expenses are Incurred:	September 1, 2025 through and including September 30, 2025
Interim Fees Incurred:	\$23,861.50
Interim Payment of Fees Requested (80%):	\$19,089.20
Interim Expenses Incurred:	\$2,331.35
Total Fees and Expenses Due:	\$21,420.55

This is the Sixteenth Monthly Fee Statement.

¹ The Trustee's application to employ Porter Hedges was filed at Docket No. 756.

Porter Hedges LLP (“Porter Hedges”), as Bankruptcy Counsel for the Chapter 7 Trustee, Christopher R. Murray (the “Trustee”), submits this Sixteenth Monthly Fee Statement (the “Fee Statement”) for the period from September 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025 (the “Application Period”) in accordance with the proposed *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals and Trustee* [Docket No. 793] (the “Interim Compensation Order”).

Porter Hedges requests compensation for professional services rendered in the amount of \$23,861.50 (the “Fees”), and for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the amount of \$2,331.35 (the “Expenses”), for the period from September 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025. Eighty percent (80%) of the fees equals \$19,089.20 and one hundred percent (100%) of the Expenses equals \$2,331.35 for a total requested amount of \$21,420.55.

Summaries of the calculations for these fees by project category and expenses are attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 2, respectively. A summary of the time expended by Porter Hedges attorneys and support staff, together with their respective hourly rates, is attached hereto as Exhibit 3. Porter Hedges’ invoice for the Application Period is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.

WHEREFORE, Porter Hedges respectfully requests payment and reimbursement in accordance with the procedures set forth in the proposed Interim Compensation Order (*i.e.*, payment of eighty percent (80%) of the compensation sought, in the amount of \$19,089.20 and reimbursement of one hundred percent (100%) of expenses incurred in the amount of \$2,331.35 in the total amount of \$21,420.55.

Dated: October 9, 2025.
Houston, Texas

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This will certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was forwarded by electronic transmission to all registered ECF users appearing in the case on October 9, 2025.

/s/ Joshua W. Wolfshohl
Joshua W. Wolfshohl

EXHIBIT 1**SUMMARY OF TIME EXPENDED BY PROJECT CATEGORY**

Project Category	Total Hours	Total Fees Requested
Asset Analysis/Recovery	24.20	20,211.00
Asset Disposition	0.00	0.00
Employment/Fee Application	4.90	3,650.50
Tax Matters	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	29.10	23,861.50

EXHIBIT 2

SUMMARY OF OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES

Expenses	Cost
Computer Assisted Legal Research	499.85
Computer Services	1,831.50
TOTAL	2,331.35

EXHIBIT 3**SUMMARY OF TIME EXPENDED BY ATTORNEYS AND SUPPORT STAFF**

Professional	Hourly Rate	Total Hours
Joshua W. Wolfshohl	\$995.00	7.60
Heather K. Hatfield	\$925.00	2.00
Michael B. Dearman	\$745.00	15.60
Jordan T. Stevens	\$725.00	3.90
TOTAL		29.10

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Invoice Date: October 08, 2025
Invoice Num.: 583081
Matter Number: 018577-0001
Billing Attorney: Joshua W. Wolfshohl
Tax ID: #74-2174193

Matter: Alex Jones

For professional services rendered and costs incurred through September 30, 2025

Professional Fees	23,861.50
Disbursements	2,331.35
Total Amount Due	\$26,192.85

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Time Detail

Date	Initials	Description	Hours	Amount
09/01/2025	MBD	Begin drafting fourth interim fee application.	0.50	372.50
09/02/2025	JWW	Emails with Trustee regarding next steps with assets.	0.30	298.50
09/02/2025	MBD	Continue drafting fourth interim fee application.	1.00	745.00
09/03/2025	JWW	Emails with Trustee regarding motion for abandonment and review and edit same.	0.50	497.50
09/03/2025	MBD	Update motion related to FSS assets (1.3); continue drafting interim fee application (.6).	1.90	1,415.50
09/04/2025	JWW	Conference with Trustee team regarding asset abandonment and status of receivership.	0.30	298.50
09/05/2025	MBD	Conference with E. Jones regarding case issues and adversary proceedings (.5); draft limited responses and reservations of rights (.3); continue drafting fee application (.1).	0.90	670.50
09/08/2025	MBD	Continue drafting and revising fourth interim fee application.	0.50	372.50
09/08/2025	JWW	Emails regarding response to motion to withdraw reference and related issues in pending adversary proceedings.	0.20	199.00
09/09/2025	MBD	Revise PH fee application (.1); correspond with Trustee regarding same (.1).	0.20	149.00
09/11/2025	JWW	Weekly call with Trustee and team regarding case status.	0.30	298.50
09/11/2025	MBD	Conference with E. Jones, J. Wolfshohl, and J. Stevens regarding case strategy.	0.30	223.50
09/12/2025	MBD	Correspond with C. Murray regarding fee application.	0.10	74.50
09/15/2025	MBD	Correspond with C. Murray regarding fee application (.1); correspond with M. Webb and E. Garfias regarding same (.1); finalize fee application and exhibits (.6).	0.80	596.00
09/18/2025	MBD	Conference with E. Jones regarding case status and strategy.	0.50	372.50

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09/19/2025	MBD	Analyze state court filings.	0.30	223.50
09/22/2025	MBD	Attention to reservation of rights regarding fee applications (.1); conference with J. Wolfshohl regarding case issues (.1).	0.20	149.00
09/23/2025	JWW	Conference with E. Jones regarding open issues in case and next steps with asset sales/abandonment.	0.50	497.50
09/24/2025	JWW	Conferences with C. Murray and E. Jones regarding open issues in case.	0.90	895.50
09/25/2025	JWW	Weekly phone conference with Trustee team regarding case developments (.8); follow-up call with H. Hatfield and Trustee team regarding information request (.8).	1.60	1,592.00
09/25/2025	MBD	Conference regarding case issues (.5); conference with PH team regarding case issues (.5); conference with H. Hatfield regarding same (.1); analyze case issues (.3).	1.40	1,043.00
09/25/2025	HKH	Review information request (.8); calls with C. Murray, J. Wolfshohl, M. Dearman and J. Stevens regarding same (.9).	1.70	1,572.50
09/25/2025	JTS	Prepare for and attend strategy session with J. Wolfshohl, M. Dearman, E. Jones, and the Trustee (.8); conduct legal research and analysis and attend additional discussion with J. Wolfshohl, M. Dearman, the Trustee, and H. Hatfield (.9).	1.70	1,232.50
09/26/2025	JWW	Review motion filed by TX/CT plaintiffs and emails with Trustee team regarding same.	0.70	696.50
09/26/2025	MBD	Analyze case law governing compliance issues (.8); review and analyze Sandy Hook Families Emergency Motion (.3); conference with E. Jones regarding same (.3); attention to correspondence with Trustee and PH team regarding same (.1).	1.50	1,117.50
09/28/2025	MBD	Analyze case law governing trustee duties (1.4); draft analysis of same (.2).	1.60	1,192.00
09/29/2025	JWW	Review docket and pleadings related to hearing on emergency motion (.3); conference with client regarding	0.90	895.50

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		hearing and preparation (.4); review A. Jones objection and emails with client regarding same (.2).		
09/29/2025	HKH	Call and emails with M. Dearman regarding research related information request (.2); confer with J. Wolfshohl regarding same (.1).	0.30	277.50
09/29/2025	MBD	Conference with J. Wolfshohl regarding case strategy (.2); analyze trustee duties (.3); continue draft analysis and correspond with J. Wolfshohl and H. Hatfield regarding same (1.0); conference with H. Hatfield regarding same (.1); analyze Jones objection (.2); correspond with Trustee and PH team regarding same (.1); conference with Trustee E. Jones, and PH team regarding emergency motion (.4); prepare for emergency hearing (.5).	2.80	2,086.00
09/29/2025	JTS	Review and analyze correspondence received by the Trustee requesting information (.5); conduct legal research and analysis regarding appropriate next steps in light of the same (1.7).	2.20	1,595.00
09/30/2025	MBD	Conference with E. Jones regarding case issues (.4); review hearing transcripts (.2); conference with C. Murray, E. Jones, and J. Wolfshohl regarding hearing preparations (.5).	1.10	819.50
09/30/2025	JWW	Review witness and exhibit lists and prepare for hearing (.8); conference with Trustee team regarding same (.6).	1.40	1,393.00
Total			29.10	\$23,861.50
Total Services				\$23,861.50

Timekeeper Summary

<u>Initials</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Timekeeper Title</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
JWW	Joshua W. Wolfshohl	Partner	7.60	995.00	7,562.00
HKH	Heather K. Hatfield	Partner	2.00	925.00	1,850.00
MBD	Michael B. Dearman	Associate	15.60	745.00	11,622.00
JTS	Jordan T. Stevens	Associate	3.90	725.00	2,827.50

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Total			29.10		\$23,861.50

Cost Summary

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Computer Assisted Legal Research	499.85
Computer Services	1,831.50
Total Disbursements	\$2,331.35
 Total This Invoice	 \$26,192.85